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TAGS: PDIP PLO GA
SUBJ: GAMBIAN RELATIONS WITH PLO

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1. GOTG RECOGNIZES PLO WITH WHICH IT HAS HAD DIPLOMATIC TIES
FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

2. POST RECORDS FOR 1975 ARE INCOMPLETE BUT WE RECALL THAT PLO
REPRESENTATIVE OPENED OFFICE IN BANJUL IN EARLY 1975, THAT HE
ATTENDED SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC FUNCTINS, AND ACHIEVED LOCAL STATUS
AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE. INDIVIDUAL DISAPPEARED SEVERAL MONTHS
LATER AND HIS ESENTIALLY ONE-MAN OFFICE SUBSEQUENTLY CEASED TO
FUNCTION.

3. CHECK WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CONFIRMS THE PLO
DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE ANY PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN BANJUL, NOR DO
ANY OTHER ELEMENTS OF PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

4. PRESENCE OF LARGE LIBYAN EMBASSY IN BANJUL (ESTABLISHED IN
LATE 1975, NOW NUMBER AT LEAST 20 DIPLOMATS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS)
WOULD LEAD ONE TO SUSPECT THAT PALESTINIAN INTERESTS ARE LOCALLY
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HANDLED BY LIBYANS. PRESUMABLY SOME PALESTINIANS MAY BE OPERATING IN LIBYAN EMBASSY HERE, BUT THUS FAR THIS IS MERE SPECULATION.
LEBANESE COMMUNITY IN THE GAMBIA NUMBERS IN HUNDREDS, INCLUDING
MANY RESIDENTS WHOSE FAMILY PRESENCE DATES BACK TO XIXTH CENTURY.
LEBANESE INCLUDE BOTH CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS, WITH POSSIBILITY
THAT PALESTINIANS COULD BE PRESENT LOCALLY UNDER LEBANESE COVER.
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